

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for ~~producing viruses in an avian cell line, said method~~ virus production comprising[[:]]

(i) ~~providing avian cells which are immortalized, but untransformed, and which comprise an anti-apoptotic bcl-2 gene into their genome;~~

(ii) ~~culturing said avian cells;~~

(iii) ~~infecting said cultivated~~ the avian cell[[s]] according to claim 11 with a virus, ~~and producing said virus whereby the virus multiplies in the avian cell.~~

2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the cultivated avian cells are chronically infected by the virus.

3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is an avian virus.

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is a duck virus.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is chosen among the group consisting of duck adenovirus, duck parvovirus and duck reovirus.

6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is chosen among the group consisting of poxvirus, canarypox, fowlpox, Marek's Disease Virus serotype 1, Marek's Disease Virus serotype 2, (HVT) and Gumboro disease virus.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the cells comprise, integrated into their genome, the SV40 T+t gene.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the SV40 T+t gene is under the control of the MTI promoter.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 4, wherein the cell line is cell line TDF-2A bcl-2, which is deposited in the CNCM under reference number I-1709.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the cell line is cell line TCF-4.10 bcl-2, which is deposited in the CNCM under reference number I-1711.

11. (Previously presented) An untransformed, immortalized, avian cell that contains and expresses a nucleic acid molecule encoding an antiapoptotic protein.

12. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 11 wherein the nucleic acid molecule encoding the antiapoptotic protein integrated into the genome of the cell.
13. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 11 wherein the antiapoptotic protein is bcl-2.
14. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 11 wherein the antiapoptotic protein is human adenovirus p19E1B, Epstein Barr virus LMP-1, Epstein Barr virus BHRF1, baculovirus p35, or herpesvirus ICP34.5.
15. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 11 cells comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding SV40 T+t.
16. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 15 wherein the nucleic acid molecule encoding SV40 T+t is under control of the MTI promoter.
17. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 11 obtained from avian tissue.
18. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 17 obtained from fibroblasts or epithelial cells.
19. (Previously presented) A cell line comprising cells of claim 11.
20. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 11 further containing a heterologous nucleotide sequence.
21. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 20 wherein the cell expresses a product encoded by the heterologous nucleotide sequence.
22. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 21 wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a viral peptide, protein or glycoprotein.
23. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 21 wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a hormone.
24. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 11 infected with a virus.
25. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 24 wherein the virus is a duck virus.
26. (Withdrawn) The cell of claim 24 wherein the virus is a duck adenovirus, a duck parvovirus, a duck reovirus, a poxvirus, a canarypox, a fowlpox, a Marek's Disease Virus serotype 1, a Marek's Disease Virus serotype 2, a herpes virus of turkeys (HVT) or Gumboro disease virus.
27. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a virus comprising infecting the cell of claim 11 with the virus, under conditions for producing the virus.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein the virus is a duck virus.
29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein the virus is a duck adenovirus, a duck parvovirus, a duck reovirus, a poxvirus, a canarypox, a fowlpox, a Marek's Disease Virus serotype 1, a Marek's Disease Virus serotype 2, a herpes virus of turkeys (HVT) or Gumboro disease virus.
30. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a viral peptide, protein or glycoprotein comprising infecting the cell of claim 11 with the virus, under conditions for producing the viral peptide, protein or glycoprotein.
31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein the virus is a duck virus.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein the virus is a duck adenovirus, a duck parvovirus, a duck reovirus, a poxvirus, a canarypox, a fowlpox, a Marek's Disease Virus serotype 1, a Marek's Disease Virus serotype 2, a herpes virus of turkeys (HVT) or Gumboro disease virus.
33. (Withdrawn) A method for producing the cell of claim 11 comprising modifying an untransformed, immortalized avian cell so it contains and expresses the nucleic acid molecule encoding the antiapoptotic protein.